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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a timely reply to an Office Action dated May 19, 2004. As no claims have been added (ten [10] claims have been cancelled), and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith. If any fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no.

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